



Charles Robert Sligh III

October 10, 1926 - April 15, 2022

Charles Robert Sligh III, (Charlie) was born October 20, 1926, passed away at age 95 at Vista Springs care center on April 15, 2022.

Charlie was born in Grand Rapids, MI to Charles R Sligh Jr and Charlotte Klumph Sligh. He moved with his family to Holland, MI in 1933 and grew up on the shore of Lake Macatawa. Charlie was active in many water sports in his youth including water skiing, sailing and power boating. After attending the Culver Military Academy Charlie served in the US Army infantry from 1945-1947. Charlie was stationed with the occupation forces in Garmisch Germany at a Bavarian resort where he taught GI's water skiing, sailing, snow skiing and horse back riding. He had many good stories of his time in the service.

After completing his service, Charlie attended Hope College and Davenport University. After graduation he joined the family furniture manufacturing business, Sligh Furniture. At Sligh Furniture he was President of Sligh Contract Furniture and then Vice President of Sligh Furniture and Clocks. Charlie was a gifted sales person and was fondly remembered by his many customers.

In his free time Charlie was an active sailor, especially in the Ensign Class with his boat Sea III. He won many regional and national events within the Ensign Class and served as the Ensign Class Commodore. His interest in

boating led him to Macatawa Bay Yacht Club where he served as Commodore. Charlie especially enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and will be fondly remembered for his joy in life, his one of a kind laughter and his overall positive outlook.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Marilyn Barkel Sligh, his daughter Susan Sligh VanDyke, his granddaughter Emily VanDyke, brother Robert Louis Sligh, and brother-in-law Roger Ver Sluis. He is survived by his children: Charles R. Sligh IV, David (Kathy) Sligh, Thomas (Dory) Sligh and Jim (Bev) VanDyke, his siblings Richard (Marti) Sligh, and Patti Ver Sluis, as well as thirteen grandchildren, twenty-eight great grandchildren, and one great great grandson.

A memorial service will be 10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 28, 2022 at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th St. Holland with Pastor Jim Daniels officiating. Interment will be in Pilgrim Home Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 27, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be given to Hospice of Holland. To leave a condolence and more information, please visit www.langelandsterenbergh.com.

Cemetery Details

Pilgrim Home Cemetery

370 E. 16th St.
Holland, MI 49423

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles Robert Sligh III*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - April 23, 2022 at 02:09 PM

LW

This is such a loving tribute! My family spent quite a bit of time with Charlie, Lyn and the kids way back in the 50's and sixties. I remember him so fondly. I can see that Charlie never lost his wonderful smile and his sense of humor. Love to all, Laurie Van Wieren

LAURIE VAN WIENEN - July 16, 2024 at 03:57 PM



“ *Charles Robert Sligh III*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM

DW

“ *Condolences to the extended Sligh family. Charlie was a create man and lovely character. I was lucky to know him. Dave Wiggins*

Dave Wiggins - August 04, 2022 at 10:04 PM

JH

“ Dear Family,
The video tribute to Charlie was so touching and valuable to all of us who follow in his footsteps. Thank you. Charlie, thank you for taking the Harper family under your wing and bringing us into the condo at Belmont Square. We all treasure our memories with you from the move in date of July 31, 1995 until forever. There will never be in my mind's eye another more generous, kind, compassionate neighbor and friend. Mom (Pat) has been hanging out on the other side since July of 2017, but her time with you and the others on the Belmont Square Board of Directors (ten years strong together) taught my brothers Mark and Rick and I the true meaning of community. Thank you for your steadfast leadership and kind companionship. May your soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon you forever friend.
Sincerely in Christ,
The Harper's--Mark, Rick and Juli

Juli Harper - April 29, 2022 at 12:18 PM

PH

“ Our condolences to the entire Sligh Family. We fondly remember dining with Charlie and Lyn in Sarasota at Casey Key Fish House. Sue and Emily's bright faces were special at our office. Fondly,

Dr Ulli and Patti Hierlwimmer

Pat Hierlwimmer - April 27, 2022 at 05:13 PM

FC

“ Charlie's infectious laugh will be missed by all at Belmont Square Condominiums! We are so sorry to hear of your family's loss.
Fran Clark

Fran Clark - April 25, 2022 at 10:26 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Robert Sligh III.*



April 23, 2022 at 05:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Robert Sligh III.*



April 21, 2022 at 02:16 PM



“ *A cold Rolling Rock toast to Charlie! A master sailing mentor and lived the fullest life. SLIGH RULES.*

Brett Reed - April 20, 2022 at 11:08 PM



“ *From a former neighbor, the two families enjoyed the relation. Marsilje, Edward*

Edward Marsilje - April 20, 2022 at 07:28 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Robert Sligh III.*



April 19, 2022 at 06:28 PM